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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/017,200	Applicant(s) DIJAILI ET AL.	
	Examiner Mark Hellner	Art Unit 3663	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-47 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-46 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 47 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see the amendment, filed 8/19/2004, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-47 under 35 USC 103 and 35 USC 102 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Coldren (6,349,106) and Woodward (6,249,373) with respect to claim 47. Claims 1-46 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 47 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Coldren in view of Woodward.

Coldren disclose a structure for receiving optical signals (optional input) comprising: a wavelength converter (figure 1) including a semiconductor amplifier SOA (30); a filter (32) coupled to the converter; and a receiver (10) coupled to the filter.

The difference between claim 47 and Coldren is that the SOA be a lasing SOA.

Woodward is cited to show that lasing semiconductor amplifiers LSOA were known at the time of the present application to be a category of SOA useable to amplify optical signals; their advantages being gain clamping and gain adjustability.

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It would have been obvious to have used a LSOA for element 32 of Coldren when seeking the advantages pointed out above.

Claims 1-46 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Mark Hellner at telephone number 703 306 4155.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Hellner".